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FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter (an original, first and joint inventor) which is claimed and for which a utility patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**HYDROXYPYRUVATE REDUCTASE NUCLEIC ACIDS, POLYPEPTIDES,  
PROMOTER ELEMENTS AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF IN PLANTS**

the specification of which:

☒ was filed on May 13, 2005, as United States non-provisional application U.S.S.N. 10/534,780 based on International Application No. PCT/IB03/06390, International Filing Date November 18, 2003, bearing Attorney Docket No. 22542-010 NATL.

☐ is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

☐ I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application designating at least one country other than the United States listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Appln. Number	Country (if PCT, so indicate)	Filing Date (dd/mm/yy)	Priority Claimed	
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☒ I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) or §120 of any United States application(s), or §365(c) of any PCT International application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter

of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

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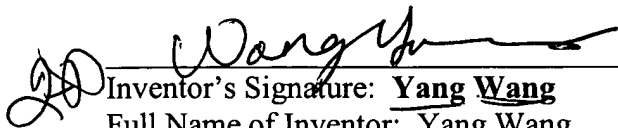
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